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OPA Daily Digest for 1/31/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) – Letter – 1/29/13: Constituent concerns about fines for RRP Rule violations. Due: 2/12/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) – Email – 1/29/13: Follow-up questions regarding next steps for the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. Due: 2/1/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (Mo.) – Letter – 1/8/13: Constituent concern about a Superfund Information Request regarding Fronabarger Concreters, Inc., in Cape Girardeau. Due: 1/23/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

Rep. Bill Otto (Mo.): Email - 1/29/13: Additional questions on Westlake. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

Rep. Sue Meredith (Mo.) - Telephone - 1/31/13: Questions on the Elmwood Park site. Contact: Sarah Hatch 7199 (closed)

Local Elected Official Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis – Leisa Zigman – 1/23/13: Questions about EPA's costs at the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

Wallaces Farmer – Lori Morgan-Leonard – 1/24/13: Questions about EPA Region 7's flyover inspection activity involving Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (open)

Environmental Stories:

Associated Press - Coast Guard: Barge leaked 7,000 gallons of oil - 1/29/13 - With more than 50 vessels idled on the water for a fourth day Wednesday, authorities said they still do not know when they will be able to reopen a 16-mile stretch of the Mississippi River that has been closed due to an oil spill. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/01/29/4037913/coast-guard-barge-leaked-7000.html>

Environmental Protection (magazine) - Missouri Gets Help Complying with Water Quality Standards - 1/30/13 - EPA Region 7 has approved Missouri's change to state water quality standards rules in order to provide greater flexibility in Missouri's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. <http://eponline.com/articles/2013/01/30/missouri-gets-help-complying-with-water-quality-standards.aspx>

KBIA Radio, Columbia, Mo. - Why EPA and USDA are tweaking standards (audio - 7:50) - 1/30/13 - A recent decision by the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 7 gives wastewater treatment plants in Missouri more time to comply with a portion of the Clean Water Act. <http://kbia.org/post/why-epa-and-usda-are-tweaking-standards>

KBIA Radio, Columbia, Mo. - EPA approves change to state water quality standards rules - 1/30/13 - The change to state water quality standards rules provides greater flexibility in Missouri's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program. <http://kbia.org/post/epa-approves-change-state-water-quality-standards-rules>

Associated Press - Nebraska responds to lawsuit opposing pipeline law - 1/31/13 - Nebraska says a law that establishes a review process for a proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline is constitutional. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/01/31/4041269/nebraska-responds-to-lawsuit-opposing.html>

Kansas City Star - EPA will ban the sale of D-Con; Toyota recalls 1 million vehicles - 1/30/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency said it will ban the sale of D-Con mouse and rat poisons after producer Reckitt Benckiser Group refused to adopt the agency's safety standards. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/01/30/4039582/starwatch-consumer-new-corolla.html>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - As odors from Bridgeton Landfill fire intensify, so does concern - 1/31/13 - For more than two years, a fire has smoldered deep within the Bridgeton Landfill, releasing a pungent odor that has nearby residents reeling and keeping them confined inside their homes. And almost as rotten as the odor, they say, is a lack of information about the air they're breathing. http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/as-odors-from-bridgeton-landfill-fire-intensify-so-does-concern/article_59bf89b3-5541-5f39-87e8-1fc2a9076dd2.html

Associated Press - Guard lets vessels pass leaking Miss. River barge - 1/31/13 - The Coast Guard is letting vessels pass through a closed section of the Mississippi River at Vicksburg as it evaluates how traffic would affect efforts to remove and clean up oil from a leaking barge, a Guard spokesman said Wednesday. <http://www.sfgate.com/news/texas/article/Guard-lets-vessels-pass-leaking-Miss-River-barge-4232193.php#ixzz2JZblg4U6>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Newly-renamed "St. Louis Regional Chamber" unveils new strategy for business growth - 1/31/13 - The St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA) has a new name - the St. Louis Regional Chamber. The business organization also announced its new strategy to create a more prosperous future for the region by promoting collaboration throughout the 16-county bi-state region. http://www.stltoday.com/business/newly-renamed-st-louis-regional-chamber-unveils-new-strategy-for/article_4b25b3cf-bd0c-5fe4-86df-4f5308d0a50e.html

St. Louis Business Journal - RCGA unveils new name, strategy - 1/31/13 - The St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association (RCGA) unveiled a new shortened name and new strategy to fuel the region's economic growth at its 176th annual meeting Wednesday night. http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning_call/2013/01/rcga-unveils-new-name-strategy.html

St. Louis Business Journal - Ameren asks regulators for permission to build landfill - 1/31/13 - Ameren Missouri has requested a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Missouri Public Service Commission for a proposed landfill in Franklin County to store ash generated by burning coal. http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning_call/2013/01/ameren-asks-regulators-for-permission.html

The Missourian (Columbia, Mo.) - Ameren Seeks PSC Permission to Build Landfill - 1/30/13 - Ameren Missouri is seeking permission from the Missouri Public Service Commission to build a coal-ash landfill at its Labadie power plant in Franklin County. The landfill, which is proposed to be located next to the coal-fired Labadie plant, was challenged in a lawsuit filed against Franklin

County. http://www.emissourian.com/local_news/county/article_eaddd8e4-5744-53e4-824b-43c07700fc5f.html

St. Louis Public Radio - Rains Bring Relief To Drought-Weary Mississippi - 1/31/13 - Recent rains throughout the Midwest have drastically improved the drought situation on the Mississippi River. Lieutenant Colin Fogarty is a spokesman for the United States Coast Guard. He says the rain is good news for the barge and shipping industry. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/rains-bring-relief-drought-weary-mississippi>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Recent rainfall brings needed relief to Mississippi River - 1/31/13 - Rainfall throughout the Midwest has drastically improved the drought situation on the Mississippi River. http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning_call/2013/01/recent-rainfall-brings-much-need.html

Inside Climate - State Department's Keystone XL review will face EPA scrutiny a third time - 1/31/13 - One of the biggest unknowns in the unfolding Keystone XL debate is the role the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency might play. Because the Canada-to-Nebraska oil pipeline crosses an international border, the State Department, not the EPA, will decide whether to give the project the federal permit it needs. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/01/31/4041159/state-departments-keystone-xl.html>

E&E News - Roberts, Johans introduce bill to reverse Clean Water Act permits - 1/31/13 - A pair of Republican senators are reviving a fight with U.S. EPA over a court-ordered requirement that pesticide users who spray over water get new permits. <http://www.eenews.net/EEDaily/rss/2013/01/31/7>

Center for Public Integrity - Koch brothers pour more cash into think tanks, ALEC - 1/31/13 - Four foundations run by billionaire industrialists Charles and David Koch hold a combined \$310 million in assets according to tax filings obtained by the Center for Public Integrity. <http://www.publicintegrity.org/2013/01/31/12105/koch-brothers-pour-more-cash-think-tanks-alec>

Detroit News - Editorial: Build the Keystone Pipeline - 1/31/13 - The Keystone XL Pipeline, carrying Canadian crude oil from Alberta to refineries in the Gulf of Mexico could be a significant piece of America's drive to break its dependence on oil from unsavory places. That alone is a powerful incentive for approving the project. <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20130130/OPINION01/301300309/1008/Editorial-Build-Keystone-Pipeline>

The White House Blog - A Record Year for the American Wind Industry - 1/30/13 - Since taking office, President Obama has been focused on building an energy economy in the United States that is cleaner as well as more efficient and secure. As part of that effort, the Administration has taken historic action over the past few years to support the development and deployment of renewable energy. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/01/30/record-year-american-wind-industry>

NewsMax (video) - Rep. Fred Upton: Obama Must OK Keystone Pipeline Report - 1/30/13 - Fred Upton, influential chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, tells Newsmax that the "question of the day" is why the Obama administration still hasn't approved construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. <http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/Upton-keystone-pipeline/2013/01/30/id/488177>

Blog for Clean Air - New American Lung Assn. Poll Finds Strong, Bipartisan Support for Cleaner Gasoline and Vehicles - 1/30/13 - An overwhelming majority of voters supports EPA setting stricter standards on gasoline and tighter emissions standards for cars, SUVs and trucks according to the American Lung Association's latest survey. <http://blogforcleanair.blogspot.com/2013/01/new-american-lung-assn-poll-finds.html>

NRDC (blog) - Groundswell of Support Continues for Cleaning Up Gasoline and Car-caused Smog - 1/30/13 - Poll results bolster the calls from a diverse set of interests in business, health and environmental communities for the federal government to move forward with Tier 3 sulfur and pollution standards.

http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/tonachel/groundswell_of_support_continu.html

Politico - Gina McCarthy not discussing EPA plans - 1/31/13 - Environmental Protection Agency air chief Gina McCarthy was mum Wednesday when asked whether she is gunning to replace Lisa Jackson as head of the agency. Other contenders include former Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire and EPA Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/01/mccarthys-not-sharing-plans-to-pursue-epa-chief-86957.html>

Greenwire - Mississippi River-clearing project reaches final phase - 1/30/13 - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun the final step of a project to keep the drought-ravaged Mississippi River open to barges. <http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2013/01/30/28>

Greenwire - Advocates defend EPA's mercury rule economic analysis - 1/31/13 - Public health advocates yesterday took a different tack in defending U.S. EPA landmark mercury and air toxics standards from a legal challenge by touting the agency's economic analysis of the rule's impact. <http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2013/01/30/19>

Greenwire - Senate Dems urge Obama to pick 'strong leader' to replace Jackson - 1/30/13 - Sixteen Senate Democrats are urging the White House to replacing outgoing U.S. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson with a "strong leader" who will continue working to curb air and water pollution. <http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2013/01/30/11>

Christian Science Monitor (blog) - Unicorns and biofuels: the case against EPA ethanol mandates - 1/31/13 - The EPA requiring gasoline blenders to blend cellulosic ethanol makes about as much sense as requiring automakers to sell unicorns, Robert Rapier writes.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2013/0130/Unicorns-and-biofuels-the-case-against-EPA-ethanol-mandates>

Christian Science Monitor - John Kerry to lead review of Keystone XL pipeline (+video) - 1/30/13 - John Kerry, confirmed by the US Senate as the next secretary of State, will lead the State Department's review of the Keystone XL pipeline. Environmentalists hope John Kerry will block the project but supporters say that approving the Keystone XL pipeline is in the nation's best interest. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2013/0130/John-Kerry-to-lead-review-of-Keystone-XL-pipeline-video>

NPR - Mixed Results in New EPA Report on Toxins and Children - 1/30/13 - America has made great strides since the 1970s in reducing toxins in the environment that cause health issues in children, according to a new edition of the EPA report, "America's Children and The Environment." <http://stateimpact.npr.org/texas/2013/01/30/mixed-results-in-new-epa-report-on-toxins-and-children/>

Society of Environmental Journalists - TRI National Analysis Dangles Leads for Investigative Stories - 1/31/13 - The January 16, 2013, release of EPA's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) National Analysis slices and dices the data in ways you can use to come up with stories that have unusual impact. <http://www.sej.org/publications/watchdog-tipsheet/tri-national-analysis-dangles-leads-investigative-stories>

Society of Environmental Journalists - Children's Health Report Released after Reporter Exposes OMB Blockade - 1/30/13 - Sunlight cures many ills. A month after watchdog Sheila Kaplan exposed a White House blackout of an EPA report on children's environmental health, the

Obama administration uncorked it. Of course, the timing may have had something to do with the election as well. <http://www.sej.org/publications/watchdog-tipsheet/childrens-health-report-released-after-reporter-exposes-omb-blockade>

Climate Science Watch - New National Climate Assessment draft report a reminder of the first NCA and the Bush White House denial machine - 1/30/13 - The new draft U.S. National Climate Assessment report is a threat to the global warming denial machine because it takes projected global warming seriously and focuses on the implications of climatic disruption, region by region and across socioeconomic and natural resource sectors. <http://www.climatesciencewatch.org/2013/01/28/new-national-climate-assessment-draft-report-a-reminder-of-the-first-nca-and-the-bush-white-house-denial-machine/>

Environmental Leader - Utilities Expect More Environmental Regulations - 1/31/13 - Some 77 percent of energy and utility professionals expect an increase in environmental regulations during President Obama's second term, according to a survey by environmental software provider Enviance. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/01/31/utilities-expect-more-environmental-regulations/>

Environmental Leader - Recycling the Economy: Turning Trash Into Cash - 1/31/13 - The universal recycle symbol of "chasing arrows" represents the 3 stages of recycling: collection, processing and market development. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/01/31/recycling-the-economy-turning-trash-into-cash/>

Yale Environment 360 - Mercury's Silent Toll On the World's Wildlife - 1/31/13 - Scientists are only beginning to understand the impacts of mercury contamination on birds, fish, and other wildlife populations. But what they are finding is alarming — even low levels can cause harm, and chronic exposure has unexpected and troubling effects. <http://e360.yale.edu/feature/mercurys-silent-toll-on-the-worlds-wildlife/2617/>

E&E Daily - White House says sequestration cuts unfair if oil and gas subsidies remain - 1/31/13 - President Obama's spokesman yesterday said it would be unfair to enact looming, across-the-board spending cuts while maintaining tax preferences for oil and gas companies. <http://www.eenews.net/EEDaily/rss/2013/01/31/3>

E&E Daily - Industry installed more generation from wind last year than from any other power source - 1/31/13 - The last three months of 2012 saw a record number of wind projects come online, even as construction of new wind farms ground to a halt amid uncertainty over whether a key tax break would be extended. <http://www.eenews.net/EEDaily/rss/2013/01/31/10>

USA Today - Report: Climate change a threat to wildlife - 1/31/13 - From birds in the Plains to bighorn sheep in California to caribou in Alaska and moose in Minnesota, a new study says animals are struggling to adapt to the new climate conditions caused by the burning of fossil fuels, which produces the carbon dioxide that warms the atmosphere. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/weather/2013/01/29/climate-change-wildlife/1875123>

National Geographic - Water Demand for Energy to Double by 2035 - 1/31/13 - The global increase of coal power, along with the coal industry's adoption of new technologies, will drive the largest share of water consumption for energy use through 2035. <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/energy/2013/01/130130-water-demand-for-energy-to-double-by-2035/>

BNA - EPA Soon to Begin Internal Review of Paper On Nontraditional Responses of Chemicals - 1/31/13 - Environmental Protection Agency scientists during the week of Feb. 4 will begin reviewing a state-of-the-science paper it is developing on whether chemicals cause toxicity at doses lower than the agency would presume based on traditional chemical evaluation methods.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29561291&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0d6f5t6j4&split=0

BNA - Senators Urge Obama to Pick EPA Head With Demonstrated Clean Air, Climate Record - 1/31/13 - Sixteen Democratic senators Jan. 30 urged President Obama to make his next pick to head the Environmental Protection Agency someone who is a fierce advocate of public health and committed to actions to address climate change.
http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29561287&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0d6f5p2a5&split=0

BNA - Hagel Says Military Would Benefit From Investment in Alternative Energy- 1/31/13 - The military would benefit from continued investment in alternative fuels despite the threat of potential budget cuts, President Obama's nominee for secretary of defense said in written responses to policy questions posed by the Senate Armed Services Committee.
http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29561297&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0d6f5v7r7&split=0

BNA - White House Begins Review of EPA Proposed Tier 3 Gasoline, Motor Vehicle Standards - 1/31/13 - The White House Office of Management and Budget has begun reviewing an Environmental Protection Agency proposed rule setting Tier 3 vehicle and gasoline standards under the Clean Air Act.
http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29561273&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0d6f4m3f4&split=0

BNA - EPA to Publish Major Source Boilers Air Rule - 1/31/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency is scheduled to publish in the Federal Register Jan. 31 a final rule that adjusts air emissions limits for major source boilers.
http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29561292&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0d6f5t6y8&split=0

Inside EPA - Former Official Doubts Biofuel Policy Change Despite Limited GHG Benefits - 1/30/13 - A former U.S. climate negotiator says he doubts federal officials will scale back mandates and other incentives to encourage production of biofuels even though the fuels may not provide the greenhouse gas (GHG) and health benefits that proponents have claimed.
<http://cleanenergyreport.com/201301302422955/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/former-official-doubts-biofuel-policy-change-despite-limited-ghg-benefits/menu-id-202.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Appears To Sharpen Focus On Environmental Impacts Of Coal Exports - 1/30/13 - EPA appears to be ramping up its scrutiny of the air pollution and climate change impacts of coal export terminals, calling for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a broad analysis of the effects from the transport and combustion of exported coal as part of its review of a proposed facility in Washington. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201301302423044/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/epa-appears-to-sharpen-focus-on-environmental-impacts-of-coal-exports/menu-id-202.html>

Inside EPA - Think Tank, Law Professors Offer Key Legal Support For EPA's Utility MACT - 1/30/13 - A nonpartisan think tank and a group of law professors are jointly rebutting industry arguments that EPA's utility air toxics rule unlawfully relied on benefits from reductions of fine particulate matter (PM2.5), rather than from mercury and other air toxics, to justify the rule.
<http://cleanenergyreport.com/201301312423045/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/think-tank-law-professors-offer-key-legal-support-for-epas-utility-mact/menu-id-202.html>

Inside EPA - Industry Faults EPA Plan To Scrap Compliance Defense In 'Rights' Cases - 1/30/13 - Industry officials are raising concerns over EPA's just-released draft guidance that says compliance with environmental requirements is no longer enough to defend against Civil Rights Act (CRA) complaints. <http://insideepa.com/201301312423046/EPA-Daily-News/Daily->

[News/industry-faults-epa-plan-to-scrap-compliance-defense-in-rights-cases/menu-id-95.html](http://insideepa.com/News/industry-faults-epa-plan-to-scrap-compliance-defense-in-rights-cases/menu-id-95.html)

Inside EPA - Environmentalists Seek Zero-Discharge Limit In ELG, Worrying Power Sector - 1/30/13 - Environmentalists are calling on EPA to adopt a strict, zero-discharge limit in its pending effluent limitation guidelines (ELGs) for new steam- and coal-fired power plants and at existing plants where it is feasible. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-02/01/2013/environmentalists-seek-zero-discharge-limit-in-elg-worrying-power-sector/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - EPA, Democrats Expand Climate Policy Focus To Address 'Resiliency' - 1/30/13 - With heightened attention due to the impact of Hurricane Sandy, congressional Democrats and the Obama administration are expanding their climate change focus to craft policies and advocate for resources that make communities more resilient to withstand natural disasters. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-02/01/2013/epa-democrats-expand-climate-policy-focus-to-address-resiliency/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - Cement Industry Weighs Asking EPA To Reconsider Combustion Rules - 1/30/13 - The cement industry is weighing whether to ask EPA to reconsider its final combustion air rules package that significantly strengthened particulate matter (PM) limits for incinerators. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-02/01/2013/cement-industry-weighs-asking-epa-to-reconsider-combustion-rules/menu-id-67.html>

EPA Proposes Extending Existing Enforcement Priorities Through FY16 - 1/30/13 - EPA is seeking comment on its plan to extend through fiscal year 2016 six existing enforcement priority focus areas, while seeking recommendations on potential new target areas. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-02/01/2013/epa-proposes-extending-existing-enforcement-priorities-through-fy16/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - D.C. Circuit Rejects EPA Bid To Reconsider CSAPR, Signaling New Actions - 1/30/13 - A federal appeals court has denied requests by EPA, eastern states and environmentalists to reconsider its decision vacating the agency's utility emissions trading rule, creating significant uncertainty about future efforts to address interstate air pollution transport. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-02/01/2013/dc-circuit-rejects-epa-bid-to-reconsider-csapr-signaling-new-actions/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - Waxman Downplays Keystone's Import, Opening Door To GHG Rule Deal - 1/30/13 - Rep. Henry Waxman's (D-CA) recent remarks downplaying the significance of the Keystone pipeline relative to a broader climate policy could signal a possible deal with environmentalists and other pipeline opponents. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-02/01/2013/waxman-downplays-keystones-import-opening-door-to-ghg-rule-deal/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - Groups Back EPA's Utility MACT - 1/30/13 - A nonpartisan think tank and a group of law professors are jointly rebutting industry arguments that EPA's utility air toxics rule unlawfully relied on benefits from reductions of fine particulate matter (PM2.5). <http://insideepa.com/201301302423039/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/groups-back-epas-utility-mact/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - Vitter Seeks To Delay GHG Rules - 1/30/13 - Sen. David Vitter (R-LA), the ranking Republican on the Senate environment committee, is seeking to block EPA and the Obama administration from regulating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions until China, India and Russia implement similar reductions. <http://insideepa.com/201301302422976/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/vitter-seeks-to-delay-ghg-rules/menu-id-97.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

2/4/13 – Iowa Department of Natural Resources/EPA Workplan Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa.

Contact:

Karen Flourney, 7782

2/4-5/13 - Meet with Iowa Citizens for Community Involvement and the Iowa Environmental Council, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782 and Josh Svaty, 7202

2/6/13 - Meet and greet with Chairman Dennis Hedke, Kansas House Energy and Environment Committee, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199

2/6-8/13 - Strategic Planning Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

2/14/13 - Meet and greet with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Col. Anthony Funkhouser, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

2/21/13 - Interagency Environmental Leadership Council Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

2/22/13 - Interview with Ken Root, WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

3/4-6/13 - Iowa State University Lecture Series – Guest Speaker, Ames, Iowa. Contacts: Josh Svaty, 7202 and Julia Cacho, 7071

4/16/13 - Greater St. Louis Air & Waste Management Association meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487.

DRA:

2/5/13 – Meet and greet with John Frece, Director, EPA Office of Sustainable Communities (OSC), Regional Office. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

2/7/13 - 12th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

2/14/13 - Meet and greet with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Col. Anthony Funkhouser, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

2/19/13 - Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) presentation, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

4/15-17/13 - Attend Executive Management Council meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

SA:

2/4-5/13 - Attend IDNR/EPA Workplan Meeting and Meet with Iowa Citizens for Community Involvement and the Iowa Environmental Council, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

2/22/13 - Interview with Ken Root, WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/J

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

None

WWPD

1/31/13 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee meeting at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Mary Tietjen Mindrup, 7431; Stan Calow, 7410

2/7/13 - Missouri Water Classification Workgroup Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Bob Angelo, 7060

2/7/13: Development of Nebraska Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands meeting, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Eliodora Chamberlain, 7945